

CIRCLE WEAVING

Circle weaving is a fun way to be creative at home using the SAORI philosophy of free style weaving. We believe that irregularities are unintended beauty. There are no mistakes! Here are guidelines for SAORI circle weaving. Improvise with different materials and try your own methods. Each weaving will be uniquely yours!

HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

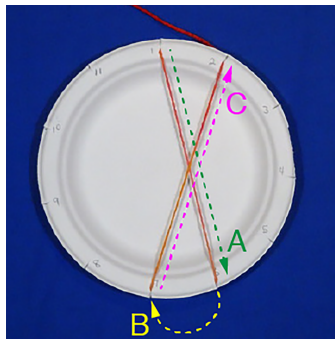
- Yarn (or string, ribbons, strips of cloth or any other material you find at home)
- Paper or plastic plate (can also use a circle of cardboard) 5" to 12" in diameter
- Scissors

STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS:

A. Warping your Loom (the plate)

Make an odd number of $\frac{1}{2}$ " marks, i.e., 11, 13 evenly spaced around the rim of the plate. Then cut through the marks.

1. Start your warp. Leave a 12" tail on the back of the plate.
2. Pull the yarn across the front of the plate to the opposite side of the plate.
3. Pull the yarn through the cut, then loop around the back to the next cut over.
4. Pull the yarn across the front of the plate to a cut on the opposite side
5. Repeat steps 2 through 4 all around the plate.



6. When you reach the last cut of the plate, bring the yarn to the front. Cut the yarn off of the ball, leaving around 12" free.

B. Now You Are Ready to Weave

Loop the free end of the yarn over and under the crisscrossed yarn spokes at the center, pulling the yarn to tighten the center of the warp. Repeat a few times to tighten your warp



1. Select your next yarn; knot ends together with a double knot; cut a long piece, i.e., 24"; bunch it in your fingers.
2. Continue weaving over and under the yarn spokes.

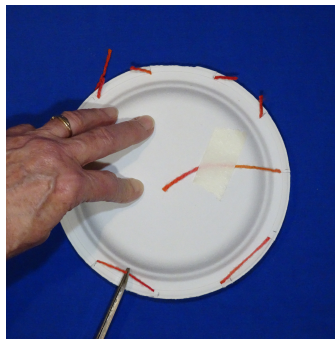


3. When you get to the end of that yarn, tie on a new yarn.
4. Continue these steps until you have done as much as you would like.
5. Tie the end of the yarn to one of the spokes to keep the weaving from unraveling.

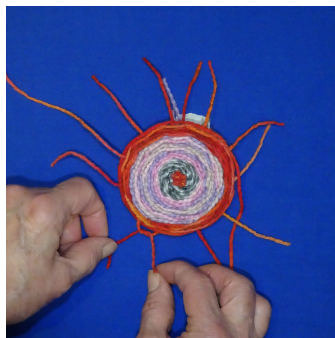
C. Finishing your weaving

You can leave your weaving on the plate or take it off.

1. To take it off the plate, turn the plate over and cut the yarn running between the cuts



2. Take two adjacent yarn ends and tie together in a knot. Continue tying these yarn strands two by two around the plate. Trim the ends.



TADA!! YOUR CIRCLE WEAVING IS COMPLETE

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